

Chapter 7. The Department of Recreational Sports

Subchapter 7–100. General Provisions

Sec. 7–101. Purpose

The University of Texas at Austin seeks to promote and conduct officially organized sports activities and athletic recreation programs for the University community. The purposes of these programs are:

- a. to provide students at the University with an opportunity for interesting and rewarding sports competition and recreation;
- b. to present a varied program of sports and recreational activities so that every student and individual with a Recreational Sports membership has the opportunity to participate regardless of athletic ability.

Sec. 7–102. Definitions

In this chapter, unless the context requires a different meaning, the following definitions apply.

- a. "Student" means a person currently enrolled at the University.
- b. "University" means The University of Texas at Austin.
- c. "Director" means the director of Recreational Sports.
- d. "Department" means the Recreational Sports department.
- e. "President" means the president of The University of Texas at Austin.

Subchapter 7–200. The Recreational Sports Committee

Sec. 7–201. Membership

- a. The Recreational Sports Committee has fifteen voting members. They are:
 1. six representatives of the General Faculty, appointed by the president for three-year staggered terms;
 2. two staff members appointed by the president for two-year staggered terms;
 3. two students as designated by the Councils of Recreational Sports and two other students as designated by Student Government, all of whom are representative of the diverse student body;
 4. one staff representative designated by Recreational Sports for a one-year term; and,
 5. two members of the Faculty Council, appointed by the chair of the Faculty Council, for one-year terms.
- b. The director of Recreational Sports will serve as administrative advisor without vote.

Sec. 7–202. Duties of Committee

The Recreational Sports Committee will:

- a. advise on policy for the conduct of the Intramural Sports and Sport Clubs programs;
- b. hear appeals of decisions made by the Councils of Recreational Sports; and,
- c. advise on other matters pertaining to Recreational Sports and its programs, facilities, and services.

Sec. 7–203. Quorum

A majority of the committee constitutes a quorum and a majority of the quorum rules.

Sec. 7–204. Appellate Jurisdiction

The committee may appoint subcommittees to hear appeals other than appeals from action taken under Sec. 7–301.

Subchapter 7–300. Participation in Recreational Sports Programs

Sec. 7–301. Group Eligibility

- a. A group is eligible to participate in Recreational Sports programs if:
 1. its membership is not denied to anyone on any basis prohibited by applicable law, including but not limited to race, color, religion, national origin, gender, age, disability, citizenship, veteran status, sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression; and,
 2. it is not under a disciplinary sanction prohibiting participation.
- b. The application form for participating in recreational sports will set out the provisions of Sec. 7–301(a)(1). By submitting an application, a group affirms that it is in compliance with the policy against discrimination.

Sec. 7–302. Individual Eligibility

An individual is eligible to participate in recreational sports programs if they are not under disciplinary sanction prohibiting participation and if they meet the requirements of rules governing the specific Recreational Sports program.

Sec. 7–303. Reservation of Recreational Sports Facilities

- a. University departments and registered student organizations may request event space reservations at Recreational Sports facilities through the RecSports facility operations office.
- b. The provisions of Subchapter 10–200 of the *Institutional Rules* do not apply to the use of recreational sports facilities for athletic purposes.

Subchapter 7–400. Administration of Recreational Sports Programs

Sec. 7–401. The Director of Recreational Sports

- a. The director:
 1. will establish and maintain effective working relations with other University departments, with faculty and staff members, with students and student groups, and with outside groups and special services that utilize recreational sports facilities and programs;
 2. will formulate, plan, and administer, with the support of the Recreational Sports Committee, the following kinds of programs:
 - A. a program of organized intramural competition in various sports;
 - B. a recreational program to provide leisure-time activities;
 - C. an outdoor recreation program;
 - D. competitive, recreational, and instructional programs for students, faculty and staff; and
 - E. the University of Texas Sport Club Association.
 3. will receive written complaints of Intramural Sports Honor Code violations and refer these complaints to the Intramural Sports Council for action;
 4. is responsible for developing program innovations in recreational sports, providing for program expansion, providing for acquisition of additional intramural sport and recreational facilities, and supervising program staff;

5. is responsible for the maintenance, repair, use, and security of all facilities and equipment used in department programming; and,
 6. is responsible for enforcing the eligibility requirements of Subchapter 7–300.
- b. The director is administratively responsible to and reports to the vice president for student affairs.

Sec. 7–402. The Intramural Sports Council

- a. The Intramural Sports Council has ten members. The members are:
1. the director or the director’s delegate; and,
 2. nine student members, representing the participants in the intramural program.
 3. The director or the director’s delegate will serve as administrative advisor without vote.
- b. The council will:
1. elect a student chair to facilitate the business of the council;
 2. participate in the designation of one student for appointment to the Recreational Sports Committee for a one-year term;
 3. assist the intramural staff in formulating intramural program policies;
 4. rule on protests, individual or group eligibility, and related matters;
 5. formulate and compile an Intramural Sports Honor Code; and,
 6. hear all alleged violations of the Intramural Sports Honor Code referred to it by the director. The burden of proving each allegation rests with the individual or group making the charge and all allegations must be presented in writing. A decision may be based on a violation of the spirit, as well as the letter of the rules.
- c. A majority of the council constitutes a quorum and a majority of the quorum rules.

Sec. 7–403. The University of Texas Sport Club Association Council

- a. The University of Texas Sport Club Association (UTSCA) Council has six members. The members are:
1. the director or the director’s delegate; and,
 2. five student members, representing the participants in the sport club program.
 3. The director or the director’s delegate will serve as administrative advisor without vote.
- b. The council will:
1. elect a student chair to facilitate the business of the council;
 2. participate in the designation of one student for appointment to the Recreational Sports Committee for a one-year term;
 3. assist the sport club staff in formulating sport club program policies;
 4. hear appeals of decisions of the sport club program administrators; and,
 5. make recommendations on student organizations that have completed the application process for UTSCA membership.
- c. A majority of the council constitutes a quorum and a majority of the quorum rules.

Subchapter 7–500. Areas of the Department

Sec. 7–501. The Intramural Sports Program

- a. The program of organized student sports competition provides the opportunity for competition among individual students and among teams representing student groups or organizations such as fraternities, clubs, and residences, and/or graduate or undergraduate

teams organized solely for the purpose of competing in a tournament or event.

- b. The purpose of this program is to provide the opportunity for competition among students and to foster the physical, social, and emotional benefits of participation in sports activities, accompanied by a sense of sportsmanship.

Sec. 7–502. The Informal Recreation Program

- a. The Informal Recreation program provides an opportunity for students and Recreational Sports members to participate in unstructured recreational activities when facilities are not scheduled for formal programming.
- b. The purpose of the program is to assist the participant in developing beneficial and satisfying leisure-time sports activities.

Sec. 7–503. The Outdoor Recreation Program

- a. The Outdoor Recreation program provides equipment rental and supervised trips in a variety of activities such as backpacking, camping, canoeing, kayaking, nature hiking, and rock climbing. Trips are open to currently enrolled students and Recreational Sports members. Equipment rental is available to currently enrolled students and Recreational Sports members.
- b. The Outdoor Recreation program provides an indoor climbing wall with 2,600 square feet of climbing surface for the leisure-time use of students and Recreational Sports members.
- c. The purpose of the Outdoor Recreation program is to provide an opportunity for students to experience outdoor, wilderness activities in educationally oriented, supervised events.

Sec. 7–504. The Fitness and Wellness Program

- a. The Fitness and Wellness program offers group fitness classes, clinics and series, and personal training. It is open to currently enrolled students and Recreational Sports members.
- b. The purpose of the program is to provide participants with the opportunity to improve and maintain physical fitness and to engage in leisure-time activities.

Sec. 7–505. The University of Texas Sport Club Association

- a. The University of Texas Sport Club Association is composed of sport or physical-activity-related student organizations sponsored by Recreational Sports.
- b. The purpose of the University of Texas Sport Club Association is to promote interest in specific sport activities and to provide the opportunity for students to compete among themselves and in extramural competition with students from other colleges and universities, or with other approved sources of competition.
- c. The association offers sport club members opportunities for the development of leadership and organizational skills as well as opportunities for social interaction.
- d. The University of Texas Sport Club Association operates under the administration of the department.

Sec. 7–506. The Instructional Program

- a. The Instructional Program provides students, Recreational Sports staff, the campus community, and non-UT community with non-credit educational classes in the areas of safety education, swimming, and sport skills.
- b. The purpose of the program is to provide opportunities for participants to learn and enhance skills.

Sec. 7–507. Membership and Guest Services

- a. Membership and Guest Services manages recreation facility access systems and provides amenities to students and Recreational Sports

members. Access is provided through membership, and amenities include locker and towel service, and massage therapy.

- b. The purpose of this area is to meet the leisure-time needs of the University community and to create a campus culture of wellness.